REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant's elect, with traverse, the following group:

Group I, claims 18-25, 27, 28, 30-33, drawn to a cosmetic composition comprising a amphoteric polyurethane of formula (I) as defined in claim 18, wherein;

$$M = r \neq 0$$
 $Z = O$ $Y = PEG$

R-X-Pn and P'p-X'-R' contain ammonium moieties, and hydrophobic moieties.

The claimed polyurethane of formula (I) as defined in claim 18 is exemplified by polymers from examples 1 and 2:

$$Ex \ 1: R = R' = hydrophobic \ group \\ n = p = 1 \\ m = r = 1 \\ Y = PEG:$$

$$X = X' = L \ with \ Z = O \\ P = P' = amine, \ especially \ ammonium \\ L = L' \ with \ Z = O$$

$$E_X$$
 2: $R = R' = hydrophobic group$ $X = X' = amine, especially ammonium $N = n = 0$$

$$M = r = 1$$
 $L = L'$ with $Z = O$
 $Y = PEG$

In terms of the remarks at pages 7 and 8 of the Office Action, if the cosmetic composition is made without polyurethane, the composition is not within the scope of the elected claims.

In terms of the remarks at page 8 of the Office Action, concerning the general formula (1) in claim 8:

In the elected group, m is not zero.

When p and p' are zero, X and X' are amine, the chaining -O-N-(R)3 is not possible, because as shown in claim 25, an R2 group is present before nitrogen atom, in order to lead to the following chaining: -O-R2-N(R)3.

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